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COMBAT OPERATION CHARIKAR/JABAL OS SARAJ, AFGHANISTAN

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TO SALANG PASS

JABAL OS SARAJ
ARMY CAMP SOVIET

GOLBAHAR

MRR IN BLOCKING POSITION

CHARIKAR
(CAHARIKAR)

BATTALION-SIZE
ARMOR FORCE

SCATTERED
BUILDINGS

BAGRAM
AIRFIELD
ELEV 4895

BAGRAM AIRFIELD

TO KABUL

- ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT BASE
- COMMAND POST
- BORDER OF OPERATIONAL AREA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A LARGE COMBAT-SWEEP OPERATION WAS OBSERVED IN THE CHARIKAR AND JABAL OS SARAJ AREAS ON IMAGERY 25X1
2. (SWN) REMARKS: THE OPERATIONAL AREA IS SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS AND EXTENDS NORTHWARD TO GOLBAHAR AT THE MOUTH OF THE PANJSER VALLEY. INCOMPLETE COVERAGE PRECLUDED ANALYSIS OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA. PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHARIKAR OPERATION WERE FIRST OBSERVED 25X1
WHEN ELEMENTS OF A SOVIET COMMAND POST AND A PROBABLE AFGHAN COMMAND POST WERE IDENTIFIED AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD 25X1
COMBAT UNITS TO INCLUDE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO MOTORIZED RIFLE (MR) BATTALIONS, ONE FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, AND NUMEROUS REGIMENTAL SUPPORT UNITS WERE ALSO NEWLY IDENTIFIED AT THE AIRFIELD 25X1
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ELEMENTS OF A FROGFOOT A SQUADRON, TEMPORARILY DEPLOYED AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD SINCE NOVEMBER, REMAINED DEPLOYED AT THE AIRFIELD THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION. 25X1
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AN ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT BASE, WITH AT LEAST SIX FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERIES ORIENTED NORTH, HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE AIRFIELD. NORTHWEST OF THE AIRFIELD, IN THE CHARIKAR AREA, A BATTALION-SIZE ARMOR FORCE, VEHICLE TRACKS, AND CRATERING WERE OBSERVED 25X1
INDICATING THAT AN OPERATION WAS IN PROGRESS.
3. (SWN) 25X1
THE PRIMARY THRUST OF THE OPERATION APPEARED TO BE IN THE JABAL OS SARAJ/GOLBAHAR AREA. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A SOVIET MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT (MRR) WERE DEPLOYED ALONG THE JABAL OS SARAJ-TO-GOLBAHAR ROAD. ARMORED VEHICLES FACING SOUTH AND EAST WERE POSITIONED ALONG THE ROAD PROBABLY FORMING A BLOCKING POSITION ALONG THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA. THE DISPOSITION OF FORCES REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED 25X1
BY 25X1

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[REDACTED] THE OPERATION APPEARED TO HAVE ENDED. THE
FIELD ARTILLERY UNITS AND THE COMMAND POSTS AT BAGRAM
AIRFIELD HAD DEPARTED. MOTORIZED RIFLE AND AIRBORNE UNITS
WERE ALSO OBSERVED IN SOUTHBOUND CONVOYS ON THE MAIN ROADS
IN THE CHARIKAR AND KABUL AREAS PROBABLY RETURNING TO
THEIR GARRISONS. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) BE NONE, COORDINATES 35-02-00N 069-17-00E

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